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Dear Sir:

The references listed in the attached PTO Form 1449, copies of which are attached, may be material to examination of the above-identified patent application. Applicants submit these references in compliance with their duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97. The Examiner is requested to make these references of official record in this application.

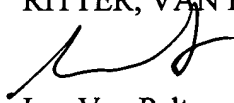
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An application of this sytem has been shipping with the PC game 'Half Life', which was released in the fall of 1998, and approximately 7 million PCs have been shipped with software and hardware which implement this invention.

In 1992, Scott Foster and Mike Taylor of Crystal River Engineering (now at Aural) demonstrated a dynamic binaural room simulation system. It was able to render 4 direct path sources with 6 first order reflections each, all with HRTF processing. The room geometry could be dynamically changed although it always had to remain cuboid in shape. The system automatically recomputed the reflections as the listener and sources moved around inside the room. It is described in "Virtual Environment Display for a 3D Audio Room Simulation," which is cited herewith.

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